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SUBJECT: PHILIP AGEE'S VISIT -- COLLUSION WITH PM MANLEY?

1. SEPTEMBER 14 MR. AND MRS. DALE LOFTIS, LONG-TIME BAPTIST MISSIONARIES IN JAMAICA WHO ARE WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND CONSIDERED RELIABLE, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF THEMSELVES AND OTHER MISSIONARIES HERE AS A CONSEQUENCE AGEE'S ALLEGATIONS TO EFFECT CIA OFTEN OPERATES THROUGH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES.

2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION LOFTIS DESCRIBED RECENT CONVERSATIONS HE HAD HAD WITH JAMAICAN NATIONAL JERRY GALLIMORE, A PROMINENT JAMAICAN YOUTH LEADER WHO IS INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY AND CARIBBEAN DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FOR CHRIST. GALLIMORE, IN PROCESS OF WARNING LOFTIS' OF POSSIBLE THREATS TO THEIR AND OTHER AMERICAN MISSIONARIES SECURITY DESCRIBED HOW HE AND SOME 40 - 50 OTHER JAMAICAN YOUTH LEADERS HAD BEEN CALLED TO JAMAICA HOUSE BIWEEKLY FOR PAST FIVE OR SIX WEEKS BY PM MANLEY TO ATTEND "INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL

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CLINICS".

3. ACCORDING TO GALLIMORE THE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN LITTLE MORE THAN POLITICAL IN DOCTRINATION SESSIONS BY MANLEY WITH NO REAL QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. MOST MEETINGS HAVE LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. DURING ONE RECENT MEETING MANLEY SHOWED THE GRANADA FILM "THE RISE AND FALL OF THE CIA". DURING ANOTHER MEETING (APPARENTLY THIS PAST WEEKEND) PHILIP AGEE, IN PRIME MINISTER'S PRESENCE, LEVIED HIS USUAL DIATRIBE AGAINST THE CIA AND DESTABILIZATION.

4. GALLIMORE STATES THAT THE THEME OF MOST OF THE MEETINGS HAS BEEN THE "ROTTENNESS" OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM. MANLEY ADMITTED SOME AMERICANS NOT BAD: WITNESS THE AMERICAN PROTEST MOVEMENT DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. DURING THE LAST MEETING DESCRIBED ABOVE, MANLEY AS AN ASIDE, FOLLOWING AGEE'S DEPARTURE COMMENTED THAT AGEE WAS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE "ROTTEN AMERICAN SYSTEM", I.E. HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE CIA AT ONE TIME AND HIS SUBSEQUENT EXPLOITATION OF THAT INVOLVEMENT (PRESUMABLY FOR MONEY IN MANLEY'S EYES). AT THE SAME MEETING MANLEY ALSO CLAIMED THAT A NUMBER OF AMERICANS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN EXPELLED FROM JAMAICA ON SHORT NOTICE, INCLUDING SOME MISSIONARIES. (COMMENT: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH EXPULSIONS BUT ARE CHECKING THIS OUT.)

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT LOFTIS' STORY. HOWEVER UNSUBSTANTIATED IT IS AT THIS POINT, IT LENDS STRONG CREDENCE TO WHAT WE HAD SUSPECTED ALL ALONG, I.E. MANLEY HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED FROM THE OUTSET IN THE AGEE VISIT AND IS EXPLOITING IT TO MAXIMUM EFFECT VIS-A-VIS HIS OWN POLITICAL NEEDS.

6. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CHECK OUT GALLIMORE'S BACKGROUND (HIS BROTHER IS A JLP SENATOR), WHETHER ANY AMERICAN MISSIONARIES HAVE BEEN SUDDENLY DEPORTED, AND WHETHER BIWEEKLY YOUTH MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN RECENT WEEKS AT JAMAICA HOUSE.

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